

## NEW YEAR GLADLY WELCOMED IN CLIFTON

The people of Clifton were thoroughly in accord in the happiest observance of the coming of the New Year, celebrating the changing with many happy events. The dances held by the Eagles, Elk and Sons of Hermann lodges were splendid events. The ringing of bells from the steeples of the city's churches and schools, the carols of crowds of gay serenaders, were among the forms of happiness that indicated the gladness and sentiment of the people.

**Eagles' Dance Enjoyable Affair.**... The Eagles met at Prettyman's opera house to enjoy a dance in honor of the Years' changing. More than fifty persons were present to watch the passing of the Old Year, and the coming of its young successor. The swirling dancers trippingly danced to music that was furnished by a local orchestra, until a late hour of the following New Year's Day. Refreshments were served. To the spell of music the happy dancers tripped the moments that bridged the changing of the Years. This was the most enjoyable entertainment of the Eagle lodge held this winter in Clifton, and was a fitting and pleasing remembrance and honor of the sentiment of the season. Only members of the lodge, with lady friends and relatives, were present.

**Elks Hold Annual New Year's Ball.**... Of unusual interest as a great social event was the dance held by the Elks lodge at the Princess theatre on the evening of December 31, this being an annual celebration of the lodge here.

There met hundreds of the Elks, with their wives, daughters and sweethearts, to watch with emotion the passing of the Year, and with bright and happy hearts dancing their welcome of the Year at hand. The grand march was led by Exalted Ruler Sloan and Mrs. Hattie Spann, followed by hundreds of gay and happy couples that represented society of Clifton and neighboring towns. Refreshments, of abundance, were served. Beautiful gowns of the ladies, and the beautiful decorations of the hall united in pleasing harmony. The large stage of the Princess was beautifully decorated with great embankments of the sweetest flowers, purple and white predominating. Ranged throughout the hall were festoons and garlands of appropriate flowers that, with the original color and decoration scheme, made of the scene one of beauty that will linger long in the memory of the happy attendants. Brilliant lights glimmered upon the scene, heightening the fact of splendor.

A number of Elks with lady friends were present from Morenci, coming in a special train, the estimate being that probably fifty of the attendants were from the neighboring town. These, with the hundreds of Clifton's people present, united in the happiness of the evening. Music was furnished by the full membership of Adam's orchestra.

To the striking of the hour that heralded the death of the Old Year, with the birth of the New, a pause came over the assemblage. Immediately after the many happy dancers were in this manner bidding a joyous welcome to the coming of the New Year.

### Sons of Hermann Celebrate.

Among the social events of the evening of December 31 was a splendid entertainment held by the local lodge of the Sons of Hermann at the Casino, there being present practically the whole of the inhabitants of Greenlee county who are of German nativity.

Dancing was the prime pleasure, and intermingled were songs, speeches and toasts delivered by the attendants. Speeches in memory of the Fatherland, and toasts to the land of adoption, with the sentiment inspired by the coming Year, assisted in making of the greatest pleasure the evening to the many present. Refreshments thoroughly suggestive of the Fatherland were served in the greatest abundance. Music was furnished by pianists and violinists of the local Spanish colony.

**Gay Serenaders Welcome with Carols.**... Among the most pleasant features of the evening were the gay serenaders who traversed the residence sections singing carols in the sentiment occasioned by the passing of the Old

## DUNCAN MAY SECURE MAIN LINE OF S. P. R. R.

Maps issued by the Southern Pacific Company indicate that Duncan May be so Favored Within Few Years—Route is from Lordsburg to Phoenix.

From maps just issued by the Southern Pacific Railway company, it is evident that the intention of the management of that system is the building, in the near future, of a main line railway from Lordsburg, New Mexico, to Duncan, thence to Solomonville and continuing to Phoenix, from which point it will reach to Yuma, there to connect with the present main line of the system.

It is said that the intention of the management is the using of the present tracks of the Arizona Eastern, a branch of the Southern Pacific, from Solomonville to San Carlos. It would seem that the main object of building this main line through Duncan would be the advantages pertaining to the transport of main line traffic, as the traffic to be secured locally would not in itself make of sufficient necessity the proposed construction. At present surveys have been made from Hassayampa to Yuma, and the indications are bright for the building of the road, which would prove of great benefit to the population in the Gila Valley in sections that are not at present served with such facilities.

## MOOSE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

All Promise of a Gala Day in Moosedom—Speaking to be Order of Entertainment—Smoker Follows.

The local Moose of Clifton are now busily engaged in making preparations for the holding on January 17 of a great meeting in celebration of the second anniversary of the founding of the Moose lodge at this place. The meeting will be held at Eagles' Hall, and promises to be attended by the greatest number ever present at a meeting of the lodge since its inception here, as the lodge now counts more than three hundred members. All the Moose of Morenci will be present, coming in a special train, to participate in the enjoyment of the great occasion in Moosedom, when the entertainment will have for a program many numbers, consisting in the main of speeches of felicitation concerning the great and uniform success of the lodge since its very inception here, and the bright prospects for a continuance of prosperity.

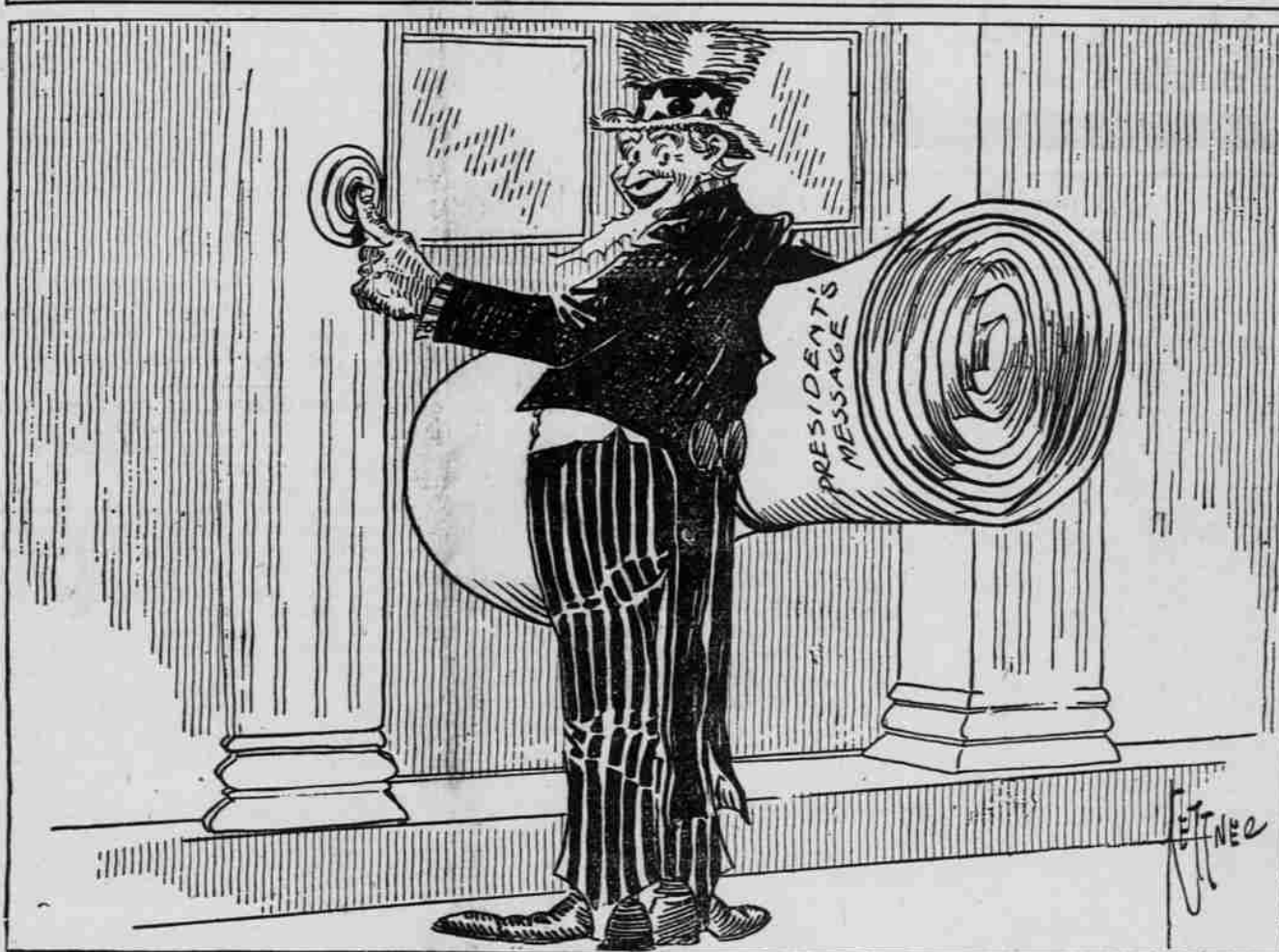
Following the many speeches, songs, etc., by the leading musical and literary Moose, will come the splendid smoker, arrangements for which embrace the finest in foods and all appurtenances of such an event. All Moose are cordially invited to attend.

### GUILLIERON-McCARTY.

Mr. Lewis Guillieron and Miss Allie Stewart McCarty were united in marriage on December 27, in the parlors of the Clifton hotel, with Rev. Love officiating. The groom is employed at the new smelter, being in charge of the carpenter department there. The bride has for some time been a resident of Clifton, where she has many friends, who offer best wishes to the happy young people.

and the coming of the New, reminding the many listeners of the old fashioned observance of the season as is described in the stories of Old England. Beneath the windows of the homes, these songs were as sweet harbingers of the coming Year, the many voices of the singers blending in harmony that were as pleasant greetings to the occupants in herald of the changing. Everywhere was shown the romance and sentiment of the night, the more expressive of the celebrants engaging in the firing of pistols and the booming of giant fireworks. Bells were rung from the steeples of the city's schools and churches. On that night the old smelter of the Arizona Copper company closed forever, this being a fitting time for the ending of the activities of the old plant that for nearly half a century has been steadily producing the wealth of copper that has been the meaning and existence of Clifton.

## READY FOR DELIVERY



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## TO RAPIDLY DEVELOP CHASE CREEK COPPER CO.

Power Drills are to be installed that Development Might be Hastened—Tunneling Now More Than Two Thousand Feet.

The management of the Chase Creek Copper company, as the outcome of a consultation of the heaviest stockholders, has decided upon the installation of power drills in its mines located a few miles above Clifton, on the northern side of Chase Creek canyon, this being for the purpose of a more rapid development.

Since the beginning of operations at these properties, this was several years since, the only manner of extraction was by hand methods, and with the result that progress was not as rapid as has been found satisfactory, and the new drills, which will be operated by air formed by gas engines, will be much faster in operation. The enormous amount of tunnel excavation at this mine is evidence of the great time and finances expended in following the aims of the management, these plans being the piercing of certain ore veins discovered alongside the high peaks north of the mine's entrance, and which project downward, the expectation being that these veins are of great depth, continuing far below the level of the tunnel being built to meet them. At present excavations are removed from the workings by means of rail, and engines at the entrance supply air.

Recently in the progress of the tunneling, a copper bearing formation of more than twenty feet in width was discovered, this formation bearing in places ores that are almost solid copper, the average of the metal being slightly more than twenty-five per cent. Sulphur is borne to the extent of twenty-five per cent, and iron is associated to the extent of about thirty per cent. This formation was not followed, the purpose of the management being to follow the original plans calling for a junction with the leads of rich ores leading downward from the peaks to the north. This recently encountered ore body will later be followed, all indications being that it is of great continuance. Forty claims comprise the total of the properties now being developed by this company.

### Heavy Investors Here.

That the operations at these properties have reached a stage of interest is to be inferred by the presence in this section of several of the heavy stockholders of the company. S. S. Campbell, of Boston, Mass., and who is largely interested in the company, has been in Clifton from his home for the past week, leaving here this week for Safford, where he will inspect the electric light and water plant belonging to him and associates. Also in that vicinity he will visit at certain mining properties in which he is interested, among these latter being the Lone Star mines.

The capital stock of the Chase Creek Copper company is in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000, of which a large amount is held by parties residing here. Associated with these properties since their discovery here, and continuing after the recent merger of the old Stevens company into that of the Chase Creek Copper company, are some of the most experienced and conservative mining men in this section of Arizona.

## SUPERVISORS AWARD COUNTY CONTRACTS FOR YEAR

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session on the morning of December 31, the object of the meeting being the awarding of contracts for the performance of certain phases of the county's conduct for the year 1914. The contracts awarded included those for the feeding of county prisoners at the various jails of the county, the supplying to the county of fuel, the printing of various blanks and forms for the county's use, and for the advertising of such matters and notices relating to the county as is specified by law.

The Copper Era and the McNeill Company were awarded the job printing for this year, in most instances the Copper Era being the successful bidder. A bid for county printing was submitted by L. F. Vaughn, in the name of the Duncan Arizonian for doing the county advertising. The Copper Era filed a protest with the Board, objecting to the consideration of this bid, as the Arizonian has ceased to be published in this county for a period of two months last past. The matter will be taken into the court at an early date.

Sam Abraham was awarded the contract for feeding the prisoners of Clifton. The Reardon hotel bid, the same price but on motion of R. A. Campbell the contract was awarded to Mr. Abraham. At Morenci, the contract for feeding prisoners was awarded to H. D. Keppler. B. F. Bowman was awarded the contract for the supplying of fuel to the county.

### CLIFTON STEAM LAUNDRY INCREASES CAPACITY.

Increasing Patronage Demands that Capacity of New Institution be Greatly Increased.

Messrs. Hartson and Tyler, proprietors of the new Clifton Laundry, announce that they have greatly increased the capacity of their plant, both in number of persons employed and in the installation of machinery, this being found necessary because of the rapid increase in patronage not only from Clifton but from Morenci and other towns in this section.

While anticipating a heavy custom, yet not adequate provision was made for the custom now being experienced, and which promises to so increase that one of the largest laundries in the Southwest will be necessary to meet the trade's requirements. Accordingly, the number of persons employed has been increased to thirteen and a new washing machine of large capacity has been ordered, and will be installed within a few days. This will suffice for the needs of the present, but plans are now made for a more substantial increase of capacity in the near future. Trade from Clifton and Morenci is heavy, that of Morenci especially being much larger than was considered by the proprietors of the laundry.

## OLD A. C. SMELTER PASSES INTO HISTORY

At Four O'Clock on Morning of First Day of New Year Last Copper is Produced at Historic Old Plant—Employees Observe Passing With Great Explosions of Dynamite.

Of romantic interest was the passing into history at four o'clock on the morning of the birth of the New Year, of the old smelter of the Arizona Copper company, the last of the many thousands of tons of copper being produced at the historic old plant at that hour.

The passing of the old smelter was a momentous epoch in the thoughts of the employees, as all of Clifton, the former at the final pouring of the last converter of ore exploding large quantities of dynamite, with booming that reverberated throughout the canyons of Clifton, and reminding the waking people that a landmark in the history of their town had been passed.

The suspension of the smelter was decided upon some time since, and upon the splendid success obtained in the operation of the magnificent new smelter of the company, it was decided to finally suspend operations at the old plant.

For more than thirty-five years the old plant has been the center of the life of Clifton, around it clustering originally the homes of the town's pioneers, and from which grew the town through all its stages. The comparison between the first equipment, furnaces, etc., ever installed at the site of the old smelter, and the equipment which will now be abandoned, would be as distinct as the comparison between the present equipment and the equipment now installed and in operation at the large new smelter of this company. All denotes the progress in the science of metal reduction, and is only a changing of forms to the better.

This final suspension of the old plant marks an epoch in the life, both industrially and commercially, of Clifton, indicating as it does that the progress of the methods of reduction have been considered, and that the old must give way to the new. In the future, all copper of the Arizona Copper company will be reduced at the company's magnificent new smelter situated on the San Francisco river below South Clifton, where copper has been steadily produced for the past several months, the operation there now being of the most satisfactory in results.

**All Earth in Vicinity Resmelted.**... For the past several months workmen have been engaged in the excavation of earth in the vicinity of the old smelter, and will continue until all earth in the vicinity, from the company's concentrator to Chase

## HORSE THIEVES MAKE BOLD ATTEMPT

Daring Attempt Made to Steal Horses Here on Night of December 31—Officers Believe Thieves an Organized Gang.

Early in the evening of December 31 a bold attempt was made toward the theft of two horses belonging one each to Officer Wm. Keppler and Dave Andrews. The horses were tied in the front of the offices of the Clifton Water company shortly after dark, and were soon missed, and search begun. After searching for several hours for the missing animals, it was decided that they had been taken from the town, and preparations were made for the forming of a posse for the capture of the thieves. However, just before the starting of the posse, the animals were discovered securely tied in the rear of the business houses in East Clifton. The supposition of the officers is that the thieves had planned to ride the horses from Clifton upon the departure of officers for the thieves' capture, the latter probably intending to leave the town in a direction opposite from that taken by their pursuers.

This attempted theft causes the officers to believe that the parties implicated in this effort belong to a gang that has been stealing horses in other portions of the county, an instance of operations of this character being an unusually brazen theft occurring at Newtown, Morenci, on Christmas Day, when a horse belonging to Thos. Campbell, for several years a resident of Morenci, was stolen by a Mexican while a turkey shoot was in progress, the thief riding the stolen horse to Lordsburg, where he was captured by officers on the morning of January 1. The daring of this theft is astonishing, the Mexican taking the horse while in the plain view of the hundreds of attendants at the shoot, who in the interest of that event, did not notice the bold appropriation.

### NEW TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD FOR CLIFTON IS IN OPERATION.

Splendid New Switchboard is Installed—Greatly Improves the Service Here—Accommodation for Many More Instruments.

The Mountain States Telephone company, in line with its many improvements in Clifton, has completely renovated the exchange office here, of greatest importance in this work being the replacing of the old switchboard with a new board that is of the most modern construction, and which has a capacity for the accommodation of instruments that is more than double the capacity of the old board. All calls for the installation of telephone service from any section of Clifton are now being met, greatly to the convenience of the residents of the town. More than six hundred instruments is the present capacity of the new switchboard, and it is so constructed that additional accommodation can be connected at any time.

About thirty new telephones have been installed since the installation of the new switchboard, and it is estimated that the local force of men who attend to that part of the work will be kept busy for some time in the placing of telephones in the residences and business houses of the town.

**Visits from Antietam Mines—A. A. Coleman**, who is employed at the Antietam mines in the vicinity of Metcalf, was the guest of his brother, R. J. Coleman, during the Christmas holidays.

Creek, has been removed to a depth of an average of probably five feet. In length the area to be excavated is about five hundred feet, and the breadth is about one hundred and fifty. All this earth will be resmelted at the new plant of the company. This earth is known to be very rich in its bearing of copper, the estimate being that in places the percentage of copper will probably be found to be thirty per cent. Especially rich in copper are those portions of earth containing the slag resulting from the operation of the earliest furnaces of the smelter, these being the furnaces employed by the Lezinsky company, which many years since sold their mines and other properties to the present owners. Because of the crude methods of reduction then in practice, the refuse of the furnaces often contained a percentage of copper that would now be considered rich for the original ores.